

1. (amended) A time studies chronometer with a changeable display wherein:
 - (a) for each task of a plurality of observed tasks, the display presents a plurality of icons, each icon comprising a pictorial representation of a generic task description and each icon being a selectable options to describe the task, and
 - (b) the chronometer accepts input from a user to select one of said task description options icons for to characterize the task.
2. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 1.
3. (original) The data carrier of claim 2 wherein the data carrier is a memory device.
4. (original) The data carrier of claim 2 wherein the data carrier is an electronic signal.
5. (cancelled)
6. (cancelled)
7. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein one of the options-icons represents an unknown task and selection of this option-icon by the user allows the user to enter a textual description of the task.
8. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 7.
9. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein the option descriptions icons are loaded into a memory of the chronometer by copying from an external memory coupled to the chronometer.
10. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 9.
11. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein the options-icons are

presented on a touch screen and the input from a user is accepted from the touch screen.

12. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 11.

13. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein data sets collected for each of a plurality of tasks which all have the same generic ~~task description~~selected icon are associated together by the shared ~~task description~~icon for subsequent processing together.

14. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 13.

15. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 ~~wherein, further comprising means for time data, the subsequent processing of collected time data includes one or more of by computing at least one of the range, distribution, standard deviation, mean, or median.~~

16. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 15.

17. (amended) A data carrier containing a plurality of icons, each icon comprising a pictorial representation of a generic task description and each icon being suitable for selection options to describe identify a task to be observed in a time study, for copying into a time studies chronometer with a changeable display for presenting the options icons on the display.

18. (original) The data carrier of claim 17 wherein the data carrier is a memory device.

19. (original) The data carrier of claim 17 wherein the data carrier is an electronic signal.

20. (cancelled)

21. (original) A time studies chronometer with a changeable display wherein:

(a) for each of a plurality of tasks to be observed, the display presents a

plurality of generic task characterization options icons, each icon comprising a pictorial representation of a characterization of a task and each icon being suitable for selection to characterize a task, and

(b) the chronometer accepts input from a user to select one of said task characterization options icons.

22. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 21.

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (original) The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the presented options icons include a characterization of value added or no value added.

26. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 25.

27. (amended) The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the presented options icons include a characterization of a method of inspection wherein the options icons comprise representations of sight, touch, and device.

28. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 27.

29. (amended) The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the optional characterization icons are loaded into a memory of the chronometer by copying from an external memory coupled to the chronometer.

30. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 29.

31. (amended) The chronometer of claim 21 wherein data sets collected for each of a plurality of tasks which all received the same characterization icon are associated together by the characterization icon for subsequent processing together.

32. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a

general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 31.

Claims 33 – 94 (canceled)